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TREGO CLUB OWNER PLEADS GUILTY TO METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michael Mikulewicz, 54, Trego, Wis., pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

On March 10, 2006, a search of Mikulewicz's car by Washburn County law enforcement officers led to the recovery of approximately 2.5 grams of methamphetamine, along with a digital scale and over 50 small ziplock baggies commonly used to repackage methamphetamine for sale. Mikulewicz admitted during the plea hearing that he possessed the drugs with the intent to distribute them. Mikulewicz was the owner and operator of Jack of Diamonds Club in Trego at this time.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for January 10, 2008. Mikulewicz faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, and a \$1,000,000 fine.

The charges against Michael Mikulewicz were the result of an investigation conducted by the Washburn County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin

Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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